

REMARKS:

Claims 1-6 have been allowed.

Rejected claims 7-14 are hereby canceled (without prejudice and with the intention to preserve the right to pursue them in a continuing application).

Since only allowed claims remain pending, Notices of Allowability and Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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